

A PAGE FOR WOMEN AND THEIR INTERESTS

LOCAL CHAT: HOME AND FASHION HINTS: RELIGIOUS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES: THINGS FEMININE

FROM A WOMAN'S POINT OF VIEW

In The Honolulu Shops

In going about in the shops of Honolulu, one cannot but be especially impressed with the good taste displayed by the salesgirls in choosing their dress for work. This is so seldom the case in cities on the mainland that the condition here is strikingly noticeable. I think I have seen but one girl who made any pretense of finery and gawgaws. High-heeled shoes and mammoth pompadours I have not seen, and very sensibly too, the ban has seemingly been placed upon conspicuous jewelry and bright-colored ribbons underneath thin waist materials. Notice the next time that you go shopping and you will see that the girls wear neat, tailored shirt-waists, with comfortable turn-down collars, the chief ornament being a bit of lace or embroidery in the form of a chic jabot. I have seen also a number of plain, pretty little one-piece frocks which are most suitable for work.

Moreover, I have never found in any city saleswomen who were more courteous, pleasant and agreeable to deal with than those in Honolulu. Of course I have found exceptions even here. Only yesterday I was forced to quibble for several minutes with an unobliging clerk in a store on Hotel street, concerning a bit of hand embroidery. She objected seriously to lifting down the boxes so that I might see the different patterns (the article was to be a birthday gift and I was particular) and finally after heaping coals of fire on her head by thanking her courteously, I went to another store and after being shown the assortment in the particular line I wanted, was able to make a satisfactory choice. The very reluctance of the first girl did not encourage a purchase, and I feel that doubtless others must have had the same experience. If they also ended by purchasing from another store, the management would certainly do well to make a change in the matter of help. Visit A Good Tonic.

This case, was, however, I am sure, one of the exceptions rather than the rule. Besides being obliging, most of the girls with whom I have had occasion to deal have been so bright and sunny that my visit to the store was something of a tonic.

Of course one cannot expect clerks to be cheerful all of the time, for there are times when this old world looks blue to them as it does to us all occasionally. And sometimes I think they are almost justified in losing patience with the irritating, aggravating customers whom they are obliged to serve. Of course we can't always find what we want in any one store, even after the clerks have shown us nearly everything in her particular department. But it isn't necessary for us to sweep haughtily out, as if it were the fault of the saleswoman. "An, I'm sorry you haven't what I want and I thank you for your trouble," delivered with a pleasant smile,

is sure to make the clerk's task much lighter, and create an atmosphere of sunshine all round.

Shop Early Always Wise.
I have been wondering too, why you women who have the splendid privilege of staying at home always leave your shopping until Saturday afternoon and evening. You have no idea how much you would contribute to the general happiness of everyone if you left the week-end periods for business and professional people who have no other time to shop. Saturday is a hard day at best for all trades people, and a little thoughtfulness on your part will do much toward lightening the load of the workers.

And in speaking of shops and shopping I am reminded of a condition which a man brought to my attention a short time ago. He asked me why it was that women are always given precedence over a man in a crowded shop. He said that only the night before he had stepped into a meat-market to get a steak for dinner, and had been obliged to wait until half a dozen women who came in after him had been served.

That doesn't seem just fair to me. I think we women ought not to expect any more favors at the hands of the butcher or groceryman than are accorded our brothers or husbands. The man who stops at the store on his way from the office at night is no doubt far more tired than we women who happen to be doing some belated shopping there at the same time, and doubtless much more eager to reach his home.

Counter Courtesy.
I know that this condition of affairs does exist, but I don't know why. Do you? I am inclined to believe that it isn't evidence of any special courtesy on the part of the butcher or baker, but that we just sort of aggressively demand this precedence. Perhaps that is why our husbands complain if we ask them to do a little shopping for us. What think you?

And while on this subject I am tempted to say a word about the woman who waits until half past five or six to take the car from downtown home. I mean the woman who has plenty of leisure and who could easily arrange differently if she but gave the matter a thought. Invariably her arms are full of bundles, and if the car is crowded—and it always is at that time of the day with tired men on their way home from work—common courtesy demands that she be offered a seat. Often she takes this without so much as an "I thank you" (another evidence of the aggressive taking of things for granted) and after the car has proceeded several blocks the ladies are full of tired men who are forced to be "strap hangers" because of the thoughtlessness—it really is nothing more than that—of the feminine sex.

Really, I'm not worth much in the role of preacher, but these are things worth thinking about because they happen every day and "Every day is a little life, and life is but a day repeated."

NATIONAL SECRETARY OF Y. W. C. A. WILL VISIT HERE

Miss Helen S. Barnes, one of the national secretaries of the Young Woman's Christian Association, is due to arrive in Honolulu Tuesday, September 12th, word to this effect having been received by Miss Carlota Moyer, local branch secretary, this week.

Miss Barnes will be a passenger on the steamer Tenyo Maru from San Francisco, and will be here only so long as the vessel remains in port.

No definite plans as to her entertainment have matured, but it is expected that an opportunity will be given the women of Honolulu to meet Miss Barnes. Should the steamship remain overnight, something in the nature of an evening entertainment will doubtless be given.

Miss Barnes' headquarters are in New York city. She is en route to Australian ports, to remain three years.

COLLEGE CLUB HONORS MRS. FREAR

Mrs. Walter F. Frear was the honor guest at a delightful reception given Thursday afternoon between the hours of four and six, at the Colonial hotel. The reception was in the nature of a farewell to Mrs. Frear, who left on the Korea for an extended trip on the mainland.

The spacious lanais of the Colonial were tastefully decorated with golden shower and made a fitting background for the attractive summer costumes of the ladies. Music was a pleasant incident in the afternoon's entertainment. Miss Bertha Kemp sang two charming songs accompanied by Mrs. Frank Atherton. An interesting feature of the afternoon was an informal

talk by Mrs. W. A. Atkinson, a former Wellesley student and classmate of Mrs. Frear, with her mother, Mrs. Warren of Detroit, are visiting in the Islands.

Mrs. Atkinson, who is familiar with probation work and juvenile courts throughout the east and the work done by the college clubs and the college alumni in eastern cities, made many valuable suggestions to the members of the local club.

The College Club will hereafter hold its regular meetings the last Tuesday of each month at the Colonial hotel.

BULLETIN ADS PAY
"For Sale" cards at Bulletin.

are Skirts To Be Fuller?



It would seem so from this model, recently imported from Paris. It combines several supposedly new features which are really revivals of old styles, such as the wide belt, the circular ribbon trimming on the skirt and the fact that the said trimming extends above the knees. Notice the ripples of fullness in the skirt.

What Women Are Doing

DR. ELISCU HYPNOTIZES CHILDREN TO MAKE THEM GOOD. A WOMAN SECRETARY TO A CLEARING HOUSE—A BRAINY KENTUCKIAN.

THAT there is no need of having any bad children is the belief of Dr. Eugene Eliscu of New York city. "If the proper mental and spiritual forces were applied to the children who are termed incorrigible there would be no need in the world for reformatories," she says.

The reformation of so called "bad" boys and girls is to be brought about by hypnosis or auto-suggestion. Parents take their troublesome children to the doctor, and after putting them to sleep she places the right suggestions in their minds—not to run away from school, to respect their parents and to speak the truth. The power of suggestion is so great, according to the doctor, that it would cure a thief of many years if properly applied.

"From the point of economics, if nothing else, keeping children out of reformatories is a good thing," says Dr. Eliscu. "Think what it costs a state

WOMEN PUT BAN ON CANDY; TRIM OWN HATS

There is probably nothing that a rational man fears more than collisions with an aggressive female brain. A profound dissertation by a woman, upon a subject of which he knows nothing, gives him a sense of irritation and humiliation that he has no desire to endure for a lifetime. He likes to feel an atmosphere of sympathy about a woman, and there is nothing very sympathetic in an appalling familiarity with chemical formulas, etc.

There can be but little doubt but that man's almost general aversion to woman's suffrage is based upon the idea that with women in governmental power, all that which is most commendable in the feminine sex would become a matter of history rather than a reality.

However, far be it from me to begin a suffrage tirade. It is merely my purpose to call attention to the self-denial of certain prominent New York women, who, according to late dispatches, are taking exceptional measures to promote the suffrage cause. Whether or not their activities are unadvised is a question for personal settlement. It is the method of procedure which must appeal to even the most crabbed of the Bala and Brutal Sex.

Freaks of Fashions: The Lampshade Hat and The Triangular Muff



NOTHING more startling has been invented in a long time than the lamp shade hat, which looks exactly like the object it takes its name from. Made of bright silk and velvet, it does duty as a theater or reception hat. The black and white muff ending in a point is also one of the new creations.

and every individual to support these institutions! If they were empty, or practically so, this expense would be curtailed and the world at large would be better. Society is slowly awakening to this fact, and I believe that when it completely understands matters preventive methods will be great enough to accomplish the abolition of such institutions.

"I believe that every mind that has gone astray can be brought back if attacked in the right manner, but it is not a physical treatment alone that it must have; there must be the awakening of the soul and the realization of its responsibility to organized society."

The only woman who holds the position of secretary to a clearing house is Miss Ina Shepherd of Birmingham, Ala. She has held that position for five years and handles the clearing of eight banks, amounting to between \$12,000,000 and \$15,000,000 a month.

Speaking of the women of Germany, Mrs. Hankel, a delegate from Dresden to this country, said:

"When I was young a girl's education usually stopped when she was fourteen. Now girls not only are allowed to attend schools much longer, but they are allowed to go higher. The

Making over old gowns, trimming their own hats, walking to save car fare, putting a ban on ice cream and candy, foregoing everything save a menu that would hardly satisfy a Trappist monk, thirty thousand suffragettes got started August 16th on a week of self-denial for the cause, according to press reports.

Acting Chairman Mrs. William W. Penfield said: "We shall raise at least \$2500, and ought to get not less than twice that. You see, we have many men sympathizers—lawyers, physicians and business men—and we have many pledges of from 10 percent to a whole week's earnings from them."

Mrs. Penfield said by way of example that she had trimmed the hat she wore herself, the only time she had ever done such a thing. The object of striving at this particular time is to add the workers for the cause in California, where, in the belief of the Woman's Suffrage party, the psychological moment has arrived. Besides sending a cheering number of Eastern shewels to their sisters en-

number of girls attending these higher schools increases every year.

"Not very long ago women were not allowed to labor except in a few departments. Now women's labor is accepted in every department, and they work along with men."

"One of our aims now is that women shall have the same rights before the law as men in regard to money matters."

"Not very long ago a woman had no right to dispose of her own money, but had always to get a man to manage for her."

Which shows that the women of Germany are waking up to their rights.

Mrs. Hankel is studying social and education problems in America.

One of the brainiest women in Kentucky is Mrs. Kate Trimble Woolsey. She is interested in an organization among leading American women dealing with the practical affairs of the day, the object being to bring about needed reforms in the legal and industrial status of women. Mrs. Woolsey, it will be remembered, was the only American woman delegate to the free thought congress at Brussels last August. The only other woman delegate was Mme. Curie, the discoverer of radium.

gaged in the fight, two of the Eastern movement's most eloquent speakers are to be sent to give assistance. They are the veteran Mrs. A. C. Fisk, wife of Colonel A. C. Fisk, and Miss Helen H. Greeley.

A Fort street merchant, who is advertising a general sale, has on display an attractive lot of lingerie dresses at moderate prices. They are offered in fact, at just half the original quotation. A number are hand-embroidered and still others are entirely trimmed with lace.

An innovation in sales is planned by a local drygoods store. Instead of cutting prices on the entire stock and causing a general stampede in the various departments, one line of goods will be handled at a time. Household linen is the first assortment offered. Embroideries will be next.

The delightful Parsonal V. was caught by fire while undergoing repairs in Prussia, and was destroyed.

CALLS FOR HELP KEEP CHARITY MANAGER BUSY; MANY ASK AID

After having lived for several weeks in a shack destitute of furniture save for a mattress on the floor and a broken down chair or two, a Portuguese woman and three children appealed to Mrs. Alice E. Jordan, manager of the Associated Charities during the week. The condition of the woman was the more pitiable owing to the fact that she was in delicate health and another child was soon expected to add to her cares.

The story she told to Mrs. Jordan was reiterated by a Spanish woman who accompanied her. The husband and father, according to their declarations, left several months ago for the coast, expecting when he had secured work, to have his family join him. They heard from him upon his arrival at San Francisco and eagerly awaited the time when he should send for them. When no further word came the little family was broken-hearted, and to add further to their grief they were informed early last week by a letter from a Frisco physician that the head of the family lay ill in a hospital.

The family had previously sold everything in their possession but the clothes they wore and the single mattress, and with no possible alleviation of their trouble in sight, they decided to appeal to the charities for aid.

The Portuguese who accompanied them to Mrs. Jordan's office had assisted them in every way within her power for several days, and when Mrs. Jordan proposed sending the woman to the Maternity Home, offered to care for one of the children and to provide temporary homes for the other two among her friends. When it is considered that she is herself the mother of nine children, her good-heartedness seems the more commendable.

Mrs. Jordan stated yesterday that the woman's back rent has been paid, that she is comfortable in the Maternity Home, and that a few neces-

sities in the way of an infants outfit, have been secured for her. The woman is anxious to work, and when she is able an effort will be made to find suitable employment for her although hampered by four children she will not have an abundance of either time or strength.

To one long actively engaged in charitable work, a case of this kind is but one of many, but to others less well acquainted with its harrowing details, its pathos is almost beyond comprehension.

Among other cases with which Mrs. Jordan has had to deal during the current week was that of four old men—a Swede, a Norwegian, an Englishman and a Scotchman—all over sixty years of age, and one or two nearing the seventieth milestone. According to Mrs. Jordan, and she knows whereof she speaks, old men are much more helpless than old women, and a great deal more particular. She placed her latest applicants in the Old Men's Home, and has since received a letter from one—the Irishman—who, with characteristic profuseness declares that "everything is certainly fine," and that Mr. and Mrs. Cameron are looking after his wants in a gratifying manner. From indications early in the month, it was expected that August would be an off month for the Associated Charities, but Mrs. Jordan stated yesterday that ten applications had been received. Usually there are from thirteen to fifteen.

Honolulu women who want hand-work or sewing done may often find cheap and desirable workers by applying at the Associated Charities office on Alakea street. One Spanish woman, who is a good seamstress, but who does not speak English applied to Miss Jordan this week. Another woman, a Russian, also made application for aid but as far as can be learned, she has no particular accomplishment.

FEMININE CHAT

Mrs. Terie Desch, the former Honolulu woman who failed to swim the Golden Gate on account of adverse tides, and subsequent exhaustion, proved her pluck by declaring that she would try again. Her many friends here will await the outcome of her next trial with interest.

"I wonder if Honolulu women are aware of the high prices that are being paid on the mainland for Irish crochet lace. If they are and are wise they will lay in a stock before values go sky-high here. The other day in a Japanese shop I saw a native woman doing some exquisite work on a yoke suitable for either a Chinese gown, or when I asked her how much, she said '50 cents.' Such an article would be worth at least six dollars in San Francisco or Seattle. Again I priced a Dutch collar of exquisite workmanship with insets of double roses and shamrock leaves, and was astounded to find it only valued at three dollars. And this was in a fancy work store where they ought to know better, too!"

One of the latest importations by a local firm in the ready-to-wear department for women, is an exquisite party gown of sheer mull with an overskirt effect, on the sides and back reaching from the waist almost to the hem, of French embroidery. The body of the gown is pure white and in the embroidery this is relieved by a faint note of brown. A new and striking effect in the waist model is obtained by the use of salmon-colored satin placed as a ground underneath the embroidery trimming across the front. The color note is duplicated in the sash, which is one of the new smart affairs in the flat effects. The neck, which is cut a trifle low, is finished with dainty insets of baby Irish. The gown is simple but is decidedly smart. It arrived on the Sierra and has not yet been put on display.

Some very effective between cloths are made from natural-colored linens embroidered with tan-colored rice braid and a generous amount of gold thread couched on. The coloring is very soft except for the bit of character the gold gives it, and the gold is washable, making a most practical piece. Our local shops have the pieces ready stamped.

Some of the new tan leather goods are very elaborately embossed. This is a distinct change from the severely plain leather articles to which we have become accustomed, and probably for the sake of change many will

adopt them who prefer the plainer ones.

A lovely tea cloth can be made from nine pieces of linen twelve inches square put together with two-inch lace insertion. These squares are embroidered with baskets of roses done in cross-stitch.

Perhaps some housewives will be glad to know that caulkdover may be kept from turning black over night by tying a piece of tissue paper tightly over the head.

Abroad they make much more of the combination of colors for their table bouquets than we do to their credit. One lovely effect is the use of pink roses and heliotrope together, that is to say, combining pink and violet. Here we see it on hats only.

The winter models in hats are very sensible and pretty, judging from the samples displayed by a local milliner who returned on the Sierra from a buying trip. The frames are smaller, although for dress, many large shapes are also shown. Violet is said to be particularly good this Fall.

Most people are so familiar with the blue china called the "onion pattern," and so many use this particular design, that it has been copied for linen centerpieces and doilies to use for breakfast and luncheon sets.

Shaped work aprons of plain colored gingham can be finished off very prettily with a single row of rick-rack braid all around the edge. Speaking of work aprons, the white uniforms all the young women in a certain grocery store wear have always seemed to me as ideal for the home kitchen. They can be boiled, you know.

In Seattle only one firm carries Dedham china, and they make a great ado about exclusiveness. In a local art store I saw a charming collection this week. Plates in both the salad and bread and butter sets, bowls of different sizes and shapes, cups and saucers, and some very novel vegetable dishes were among the display. There were the rabbit and goose patterns and some new ones, too.

If you are going to the shore with children, take along a cork ball for them to play with when in bathing. They are about the size of a baseball and so light that they float about three-quarters out of the water. For the child who is timid in the water they are an ideal playing, making him forget his fear and paving the way to self-confidence in this unnatural element in which it is well for every child to learn to feel at home.